

CITY OF AUGUSTA

CITY CENTER
16 CONY STREET
AUGUSTA, ME 04330

HOURS OF OPERATION
7:45 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

City Center will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, October 10
Friday, November 11
Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
Friday, December 23
Monday, December 26

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Mail: Complete an Absentee Ballot Application. Forward your completed, signed application to: City of Augusta, City Clerk's Office, 16 Cony Street, Augusta, ME 04330.

Phone: Call our office 207-626-2316 to request a ballot over the phone. We must speak with the voter.

Immediate Family Member: Complete an Application for Absentee Ballot for the voter as an immediate family member and sign your name in place of the voter's.

Where do I vote on

Election Day?

Ward 1: Augusta Armory
179 Western Ave.
Ward 2: City Center
16 Cony Street
Ward 3: Civic Center
76 Community Drive
Ward 4: St Andrews Hall
20 St Andrews St

Poll hours

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We're on the Web!
www.augustamaine.gov

City of Augusta, Maine

Bureaus/Departments Phone Fax

Airport.....	626-2306	626-2309
Assessing	626-2320	626-2304
Auditing	626-2340	620-8161
Bicentennial Nature Park (summer).....	626-7010	
City Manager's Office.....	626-2300	620-8174
City Services Administration.....	626-2365	626-2520
Clerk's Office.....	626-2310	620-8127
Civic Center Administration	626-2405	626-5968
Civic Center Box Office	626-2400	626-5968
Childcare.....	626-2350	620-8800
Codes.....	626-2368	626-2520
Community Services	626-2305	626-2354
Development Services	626-2336	626-2338
Economic Development.....	626-2365	626-2520
Engineering.....	626-2365	626-2520
Facilities & Systems.....	626-2365	626-2520
Finance/Administration	626-2300	620-8174
Fire Department	626-2421	626-2424
Fort Western.....	626-2440	626-2440
Health & Welfare.....	626-2325	620-8153
Health Director.....	620-8107	620-8174
Housing Authority	626-2357	626-2359
Human Resources	626-2353	620-8174
Information Systems	626-2345	626-2304
Lithgow Library	626-2415	626-2419
Planning.....	626-2366	626-2520
Parking District (fax-call first).....	626-2362	626-2362
Parks/Cemeteries/Trees	626-2352	626-2354
Police Department	626-2370	623-2512
Public Works	626-2435	626-2437
Recreation.....	626-2350	620-8800
School Department.....	626-2468	626-2444
Solid Waste	626-2435	626-2437
Treasury/Tax Collection.....	626-2314	620-8127
Voter Registration	626-2360	620-8127

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Upcoming Events

November 8, 2011

Municipal Election

Councilors
Wards 1 & 4
At-Large
2 years & 3 years
School Board: Chair
Ward 2
At-Large
Referendum

How do I obtain a
Absentee Ballot?

Absentee ballot applications are available for the November 8, 2011 Municipal/Referendum and State Referendum Election. Ballots will be mailed to applicants as soon as they are received from the printers, by October 7, 2011.

ALL VOTERS MAY
VOTE ABSENTEE

Absentee Ballots may be requested by mail, phone, in person, by immediate family member or third party. Email requests must be through the State of Maine Bureau of Elections website: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/absent.htm>

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Mayor's Notes

This is the first installment of what I hope will be a regular feature of the City of Augusta's newsletter, which is intended to inform the City's residents of on-going issues and important developments in our community.

Before I discuss some of the important issues that our city is working on, I want to personally express my gratitude to the members of the Augusta City Council who work so hard on behalf of the City's residents. I believe it is no exaggeration to say that Augusta has one of the best city councils in the State of Maine. Both the mayor and the council are fortunate to have an extraordinarily competent and professional administration led by City Manager Bill Bridgeo, as well as a dedicated and hard working complement of city employees.

So what has been going on in the city of Augusta over the past two or three months? If you have noticed a lot of activity in our city it is not your imagination. It is, in fact, growth within our city.

Downtown Augusta

On Friday, August 19, 2011, the Augusta Downtown Alliance celebrated the fact that at least 19 new businesses and organizations have opened in the downtown

area in the past 12-24 months. This is an incredible accomplishment. The signs of a revitalized downtown are clearly apparent. The Downtown Diner has opened to rave reviews. There is activity at the buildings by Richard Parkhurst and son, Tobias, as well as the building belonging to UMA. I believe there is a new excitement about Downtown Augusta and the momentum has just begun.

MaineGeneral Hospital

Construction has begun on the new MaineGeneral Hospital and the official groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for September 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. In another piece of good news, U.S. Senator Susan Collins was in Augusta on August 12, 2011 to announce that the federal government will contribute \$1.2 million dollars towards the re-construction of Exit 113, a critical piece for the hospital as well as to relive traffic congestion at Exit 112.

Monthly Building

Permit Report

An examination of building permits issued by the city over the past four months is very encouraging. For the month of April, the estimated costs associated with building permits issued during that

month was almost \$680,000. For the month of May it was just under \$789,000. For the month of June, it was more than \$2.1 million and for the month of July, it was over \$6.8 million. This includes 12 new single family residences. This is a very positive trend. It will be interesting to see if it continue over the next few months.

Recycling in Augusta

While I was campaigning for Mayor, several residents asked me what Augusta was doing to increase the amount of material we can re-cycle. The city, led by Public Works Director, Lesley Jones, has been actively exploring a new regional re-cycling plan. The City Council received its first overview of that plan at a recent informational meeting. The plan, as proposed, would involve a "pay as you throw" system that is designed to encourage greater re-cycling and the disposal of less waste. The council will be receiving more detail about this proposed in the coming months, and I urge all citizens of Augusta to let us know your views on this important issue.

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City Manager's Message...



It is an ongoing goal of the Augusta City Council and a campaign pledge of our new Mayor, Bill Stokes, to make every effort practical to keep our citizenry informed about city government. This initial edition of our municipal newsletter is one more effort to do just that.

In future editions, you can expect to read features about different departments and bureaus of your local government, get a head's up regarding upcoming City-sponsored events of interest, and hopefully learn more

about our community and what services and resources are available to you. Newsletter editor, Phillis Curry (my executive assistant) welcomes your observations and suggestions as we go forward. She can be reached by phone at 626-2300 or by e-mail at phillis.curry@augustamaine.gov.

I have had the privilege of serving as Augusta's city manager for over thirteen years now. My wife, Janice, and I thoroughly enjoy our home, our neighborhood and our City. We were both raised in Maine and feel very fortunate that our

careers have given us the opportunity to live in part of our country where the natural beauty is exceptional, the climate is devoid of the extremes we see troubling other areas, where crime and social problems are modest, where the cultural and recreational and retail and dining venues are satisfying and where, in time, we can plan an enjoyable retirement. I've travelled quite a bit, especially in my thirty-five year career in city government and I can assure you that the

The City's Newsletter is designed...to better inform the community about the City's services, programs, activities and opportunities for participation.

attributes I mention above are not to be found everywhere. For that matter, it's the rare locale that can boast the combination of assets we enjoy.

This month, MaineGeneral Medical Center broke ground on its new \$350 million campus. We congratulate MGMC on their initiative.

When it is complete, Augusta will boast of one more world-class reason to appreciate where we live. Later this year, watch for ground-breaking for a \$50 million downtown state courthouse complex that preserves the historic County Courthouse and expands to meet the pressing needs now being experienced by the court system.

Phillis told me I had a half-page to say my piece and I'm just getting warmed up, but the beauty of a newsletter, I suppose, is there's always next month to pick up where I leave off.

Bill Bridgeo can be contacted at william.bridgeo@augustamaine.gov or at 626-2300.

I know we have been having pedestrian issues over on Bangor St, but comparing the 18 months after construction ended to the 18 months before construction started on the Cony Roundabout, we have halved the crashes 160 in the before to 80 now which is a 50 % reduction, injury crashes from 40 to 13 which is a 68 % reduction. Hopefully we will have some data on Memorial Circle come this fall. It would be nice to see that that followed suit.

That and the crash reduction on Western Ave because of the signal coordination, I think we have made Augusta a safer place.

**Stephen Landry
Assistant State
Traffic Engineer
MaineDOT**

Did You Know....

**Augusta is the
most eastern
capital city in the
United States**

**90% of the country's
toothpick supply is
produced in Maine**

Mayor's Notes Continued

Jobs Creation Advisory Panel

Now that the summer is drawing to a close, I plan to organize the first meeting of the Mayor's Jobs Creation Advisory Panel consisting of many of the city's outstanding businesses, labor organizations and public officials. As I am writing this, I am once again encouraged by what is happening in Augusta. On the front page of the Kennebec Journal for August 25, 2011, local business leaders report that they are adding jobs. While there is uncertainty in the

national and global economy, there are positive signs locally. I continue to believe that Augusta's upside potential for growth is significant.

There are many other issues that will be addressed by the City Council and City's Administration. I encourage all of my fellow citizens of Augusta to let us know how we can better serve you.



We welcome your comments and ideas!

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